

REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's allowance of Claims 9-13 and 23-26.

As explained above, Applicants are canceling the rejected claims so that only allowed claims are now pending in this application. Therefore, as this amendment merely places the application in a condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that this amendment be entered at this time and the application allowed.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §103

In the Final Rejection, the Examiner rejects Claims 14-22 and 27-29 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Watanabe '343 (US 6,877,343) or '465 (US 6,277,465). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

While this rejection is traversed, in order to advance the prosecution of this application, Applicants are canceling Claims 14-22 and 27-29 without prejudice or disclaimer, rendering this rejection moot.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

Conclusion

The present application is now in a condition for allowance with only allowed claims pending. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that this application be allowed.

If any fee is due for this amendment, please charge our deposit account 50/1039.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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